

What is claimed is:

1. A nitride-based compound semiconductor electron device comprising:

5 a substrate; and

a semiconductor layer structure including a buffer layer structure, a channel layer and a donor layer, that are consecutively formed in this order on said substrate,

wherein said buffer layer structure includes: at least one
10 first buffer layer comprising as a main component thereof a compound semiconductor expressed by the general formula of $\text{Al}_x\text{In}_y\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{As}_u\text{P}_v\text{N}_{1-u-v}$ (where $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$, $x+y \leq 1$, $0 \leq u < 1$,
 $0 \leq v < 1$, and $u+v < 1$); and at least one second buffer layer comprising as a main component thereof a compound
15 semiconductor expressed by the general formula of $\text{Al}_a\text{In}_b\text{Ga}_{1-a-b}\text{As}_c\text{P}_d\text{N}_{1-c-d}$ (where $0 \leq a \leq 1$, $0 \leq b \leq 1$, $a+b \leq 1$, $0 \leq c < 1$, $0 \leq d < 1$, and
 $c+d < 1$), and wherein said first buffer layer and said second buffer layer have different bandgap energies, and have two-dimensional
20 electron gas density or densities therein not greater than $5 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$.

2. The semiconductor electron device according to claim 1, wherein said first buffer layer has a thickness of not less than 0.5 nm and not greater than 20 nm, and said second buffer layer
25 has a thickness of not less than 0.5 nm and not greater than 20 nm.

3. The semiconductor electron device according to claim 2, wherein said second buffer layer has a bandgap energy greater than a bandgap energy of said first buffer layer and has an Al composition not less than 0.5 and a thickness not less than 1 nm and nor greater than 10 nm.

4. The semiconductor electron device according to claim 2, wherein said first and second buffer layers comprise one of Mg, Be, Zn, and C in an amount of not less than 1×10^{16} cm⁻³ and not greater than 1×10^{21} cm⁻³.

5. The semiconductor electron device according to claim 2, having an operating current of not less than 1 ampere or an operating voltage of not less than 100 volts.

6. The semiconductor electron device according to claim 1, wherein said buffer layer structure includes a plurality of said first buffer layers and a plurality of said second buffer layers, which are alternately laid one on another.

7. The semiconductor electron device according to claim 6, wherein each of said first buffer layers has a thickness of not less than 0.5 nm and not greater than 20 nm, and each of said second buffer layers has a thickness of not less than 0.5 nm and

not greater than 20 nm.

8. The semiconductor electron device according to claim 6, wherein each of said second buffer layers has a bandgap energy greater than a bandgap energy of each of said first buffer layer and has an Al composition not less than 0.5 and a thickness not less than 1 nm and nor greater than 10 nm.
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9. The semiconductor electron device according to claim 6, wherein each of said first and second buffer layers comprises one of Mg, Be, Zn and C in an amount of not less than 1×10^{16} cm⁻³ and not greater than 1×10^{21} cm⁻³.
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10. The semiconductor electron device according to claim 6, having an operating current of not less than 1 ampere or an operating voltage of not less than 100 volts.
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